GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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MARBLE IMPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received representations against the adverse impact of import of marble on Indian industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether import licences are issued only to those parties who have imported marble earlier;

(d) if so, whether this has not led to the creation of monopoly;

(e) whether entrepreneurs are shifting base to Sri Lanka as a result of the present import policy; and

(f) if so, the steps taken to correct the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): Marble Industry being an unorganized Industry, there is no authorized Association to represent it. Therefore such representations have been received from different quarters on many occasions in the past such as from Marble Processors Industrial Association, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Rajasthan Marble Association, Kishangarh Marble Association, Chittorgarh Marble Association, Federation of Indian Mineral Industries, Precision Granites (P) Ltd., All India Granites Stone Association and Udaipur Marble Processors Association etc.

(c)&(d): In terms of Import policy of rough marble blocks/slabs, only those applicants who have set up manufacturing/processing units in the country and have made imports of these items in the preceding years when these items were under Special Import License (SIL) list during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 are eligible for import of rough marble blocks/slabs.

(e)&(f): No such report has come to the notice of the Government.